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1. CARACAS PRESS CARRIES ANNOUNCEMENT THAT CHILEAN, BOLIVIAN, AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC DELEGATIONS TO UNITED NATIONS OFFICES IN GENEVA HAVE INITIATED MOVEMENT FAVORING CANDIDACY OF VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT RAFAEL CALDERA AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ILO. DR. HERNAN SANTA CRUZ OF CHILE AND DR. FABIO HERRERA ROCA OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ARE REPORTEDLY ARRIVING IN CARACAS WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5 TO SEEK CALDERA'S ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION.

2. PRESS SPECULATES THAT CALDERA WOULD BE EASY WINNER OF POST SHOULD HE DECIDE TO ACCEPT NOMINATION INASMUCH AS OTHER CANDIDATES "ARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS WITHOUT GREATER QUALIFICATIONS."

3. MINISTRY OF LABOR SOURCE HAS TOLD LABOR ATTACHE THAT REGIONAL ILO DIRECTOR FOR LATIN AMERICA, CARLOS D'UGARD, STATED DURING HIS VISIT TO CARACAS OCTOBER 22-26 THAT THERE WAS STRONG SUPPORT FOR CALDERA'S CANDIDACY FROM ANDEAN PACT COUNTRIES.

4. SOURCE OF ANNOUNCEMENT, SENIOR COPEI PARTY OFFICIAL LUIS HERRERA CAMPINS, AND ORCHESTRATION MAKES IT POSSIBLE CALDERA HAS ALREADY DECIDED TO SEEK DIRECTOR GENERALSHIP. THIS WOULD GIVE HIM SPRINGBOARD FOR OTHER HIGHER INTERNATIONAL OFFICE OR FOR RETURN TO PRESIDENCY OF VENEZUELA AFTER CONSTITUTIONALLY REQUIRED TEN YEAR LAPSE. WHILE CALDERA WOULD DOUBTLESS PROVIDE DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP FOR ILO, EMBASSY HAS RESERVATIONS REGARDING THE DESIRABILITY OF HIS CANDIDACY FROM POINT OF VIEW OF U.S. INTERESTS, AS EXPRESSED REFTEL. MCCLINTOCK

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